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Jesse Taylor,

Hath just imported in the Elizabeth, Capt. Stonehouse, from Dublin,

A LARGE assortment of IRISH LINENS, consisting of yard-wide and ⅞ linens, brown and white sheetings, brown and gray dowlas, ¾ and ⅞ brown linens, which he will sell on the lowest terms for cash or produce.—He has on hand a general assortment of DRY-GOODS fitting for the present and ensuing season, which he intends selling on the most reasonable terms.—SALT for curing fish, to be sold very cheap, also Liverpool white salt.

Alexandria, March 1, 1787.

THE brig POLLY, Capt. RICE, will take freight for BOSTON, SALEM, NEWBURY, PORTSMOUTH, and CASCO-BAY. She will sail in about 15 days.——Inquire of Messrs. JOSIAH WATSON and CO. or the Master on board.

Alexandria, March 8, 1787.

NEW-YORK PACKET.

THE sloop KING SOLOMON, 60 tons burthen, of a fine model, and good accommodations, will ply with all convenient speed, as a packet between this port and New-York.—Any gentleman favoring him with their custom, may rely on his vigilance and attention.

W. TAYLOR, Master.

Alexandria, March 8, 1787.

FOR L'ORIENT,

THE ship RAPPAHANNOCK, JOHN BAKER, Master, burthen 170 tons: She is about 18 months old and a remarkable fast sailer.—This ship will sail about the 1st of April.—I want about 50 hogsheads of Tobacco on freight.—I intend for France in said ship. JOHN BROWNLOW.

Fredericksburg, March 5, 1787.

WAS delivered out of our store on or about the 26th day of February, 1785, SIX BOXES of CANDLES to a waggoner whose name is not known, he said they were for Patrick Murray.—If any person will give information to the Subscribers, so that they or the value of them may be recovered, shall receive TEN DOLLARS reward.

PATON and BUTCHER.

Alexandria, March 8, 1787.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Loudon County, on the 13th of February last, a Negro fellow, named PETER, formerly the property of Mr. James Currel, of the county aforesaid; he is a likely black fellow, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and has a small scar over one of his eyes: He had on when he went away, a round hat with a black ribbon and buckle, a brown coat patched and a blue waistcoat.——He was taken at Hongar River, on the Eastern-Shore of Maryland and brought to Alexandria, from whence he made his escape on Friday night last, from James Welsh, who apprehended him.—He was bred in Lancaster or Gloucester, and it is supposed he will make that way.—Whoever takes up said Negro and secures him in any gaol so that I get him again, shall have if within 40 miles FORTY SHILLINGS, and if further the above reward.

WILLIAM B. HARRISON.

Loudon County, March 6, 1787.

N. B. I hereby forewarn all masters or skippers of vessels, from harbouring or employing him at their peril.

A CERTAIN DAVID BAITY, came to my house in Berkeley County, who informs me that he came in a redemptioner with Capt. Martin from Ireland; he was to land said Baity in Baltimore, when the said Baity was to have ten days to look for a master.—But the said Martin did not comply with his bargain, but landed said Baity at Norfolk in Virginia, when said Baity made his escape from said Martin, for which said Baity is now ready to answer any just demands that the said Martin or any other person for him has against the said Baity.

JAMES WRIGHT.

March 1, 1787.

☞ A great Variety of BLANKS, printed on good Paper, may be had at the Printing Office.

On the first day of May next, will be exposed to public sale, on the premises,

A VALUABLE LOT of GROUND in Alexandria, late the property of Sebastian Schiefs and conveyed over to us by him for the behoof of his creditors.——The lot is situated on Prince-street, adjoining Messrs. Hooe and Harrison's, containing 23 feet 3 inches in front and 98 feet 6 inches in depth, on which is a large two-story FRAMED HOUSE, with a kitchen, warehouse and stable.—It is in fee-simple and will be sold for ready-money.—At the same time will be sold his stock of GOODS upon hand.

All persons indebted to the said Sebastian Schiefs, are requested to pay their respective accounts by the first of May next, to the Subscribers, who are empowered to receive the same, otherwise suits will be commenced against all who fail to comply.—Those having claims against him, are desired to bring them in properly authenticated by the first of May, as none will be afterwards admitted.

At the same time will be sold for ready-money, a two story FRAMED HOUSE, on King-street, subject to a ground rent of twelve shillings per foot.—Undoubted titles will be made the purchasers by

JOSEPH CARY,
WILLIAM WILSON,
PHILIP MARSTELLER, } Assignees.

Alexandria, March 1, 1787.

TO BE SOLD,

At Public Vendue, on Thursday, the 15th of March next, at the house of Randle Mitchell, on Fairfax-street, next door to the store of Mr. William Wilson, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, viz.

MAHOGANY dining tables, tea and dressing tables, carved neat setting chairs, a very neat mahogany chest upon chest set of drawers, with neat furniture locks and keys, a variety of handsome large looking glasses, with a large chimney glass, four feet long by two feet broad, one plate entire, a complete roasting jack, with pullies and chains, neat andirons with brass tops with shovel and tongs, a very neat large glass lantern to hold three candles, some pewter, with a variety of other things too tedious to mention.——Also, some plate, consisting of silver cans, castors, table, soup and tea spoons, a large handsome silver cream pot, silver salt stands, &c.

At the same time will be sold, the HOUSE and LOT, situated on Fairfax-street, with a kitchen and wash-house, the lot is 36 feet front, and upwards of 100 deep, the house is built off the street, by which there is room for building a store of 18 feet by 23, as the windows in the parlour can be conveniently turned to a 10 feet alley, which alley is wholly upon the lot; the house is 26 by 26 feet, two parlours, a large and a small one with fire places in each, a large convenient entry with a good stair-case, four convenient rooms up stairs, with two fire places, was completely repaired in the summer of 1785, painted and papered, subject to a ground rent of twenty shillings per foot.—The purchaser may have possession on the first of April next.

N. B. It is expected that the gentlemen householders in this town, and the adjacent country, will attend this sale, as it is for the relief of a family who have met with a scene of losses and misfortunes. If the house is not sold it will be rented.

P. MARSTELLER, Vendue-Master.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1787.

MRS. LOMAX informs the public and her customers in general, that she intends to continue keeping a PUBLIC HOUSE, equally furnished as in her husband's life-time, and hopes to merit a continuance of their favor, and engages nothing shall be wanting on her part to deserve their custom.

Alexandria, Feb. 15, 1787.

Genuine Stoughton's Bitters,

May be had at the Printing-Office.

March 1, 1781

R. W. Ashton and Company,

Have just imported and are now opening for sale on the lowest terms, by the piece, for cash, crop tobacco, wheat or flour, the following articles, viz.

SUPERFINE broadcloths well laid in,
Ribbons of different sorts,
Fine cotton handkerchiefs,
Calamancoes,
Clear lawns,
Cambricks,
Gauzes,
Lustrings and other kinds of silk,
Taffetas,
Umbrellas,
White silk stockings,
Silk jacket patterns,
A few pieces of brown linen,
Souchong and hyson tea in pound canisters,
Pepper, &c.
Also, a variety of WET and DRY GOODS, by wholesale or retail.

Alexandria, Jan. 18, 1787.

TO BE RENTED,

THE HOUSE commonly called the GEORGE TAVERN; its situation and conveniencies are equal to any in town, being near the Court and Market Houses.

Also, to be sold in fee-simple or on ground-rent, LOTS on several streets.——For terms apply to

DENNIS RAMSAY.

Alexandria, March 8, 1787.

THE GOODS of a well assorted store for sale, on very advantageous terms and the payments made easy.—Inquire of the Printers.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1787.

William Hartshorne and Company,

Have for sale at their store on Col. Hooe's wharf, for ready pay,

VERY good Ticklenburgs and German Osnaburgs by the piece, Window Glass 10 by 8 in boxes, Irish Beef in barrels, genuine Port Wine in pipes and barrels, Fayal Wine in pipes and quarter casks, Antigua Rum by the hogshead or barrel, Bar-Iron, and a variety of DRY-GOODS as usual.

A 20 foot LOT on Duke-street, near William Bushby's corner house, to be sold or let on ground-rent; also several other LOTS in different situations, to be rented or sold.

Alexandria, Dec. 21, 1786.

FORMERLY by advertisement I requested all those that were indebted to me to come and settle their accounts, but little regard was paid thereto.——I once more, and for the last time in this way, call upon every one that is indebted to me either by bond, bill, promissary note, open account, or otherwise to come and pay the same.—Likewise all those that I owe, or may think I do owe them, to bring in their accounts that they may be adjusted and paid by myself in my life-time—for I am determined to have my accounts settled (if possible) and that speedily, as I intend once more to cross the Atlantic. By this method I mean to prevent accounts being trumped up against my estate after I am gone, that probably would never have appeared had I been on the spot, or alive.—For in the course of thirty odd years that I have been in business too many accounts of this description have I seen.—There is on hand about a thousand pounds first cost of choice GOODS, that may be had on good terms.—Also, TWO LOTS, one of them improved on and both have lately been fenced in.—Also some NEGROES that I will either sell or hire.

JOHN MUIR.

Alexandria, Feb. 1, 1787.

N. B. I hereby forewarn all persons from dealing with any of my servants in any manner whatever, except it be by my particular orders; as I shall deal with them as the law directs.

A Variety of Ladies

BAN-BOXES,

To be Sold at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, March 1, 1787.

account of an act of heroism that deserves to be recorded. In the storm between the 6th and 7th of last month, the vessel commanded by Capt. Robert, of Fecamp, was driven on shore, when Jean Francois Pessel, of the parish of Berniers Sur-mer, judging that it was scarcely possible the vessel could escape being overset, undressed himself, and having tied a rope round his wrist, plunged into the sea, and gained the shore, notwithstanding the extreme darkness of the night, and the fury of the wind and waves. By means of this rope he saved the lives of ten persons he left on board; and in two minutes after the last had quitted the ship, she was dashed to pieces.

LONDON, December 22.

The King of Denmark's plan for making discoveries towards the North-Pole, has not been attended with the expected success; two of the vessels sent upon that expedition having been lost by getting among the ice, and part of the crews were with difficulty saved.

Comte Fernan Nunez, the Spanish Ambassador to this Court, was to leave Madrid, on his way to England, the beginning of this month. As soon as his arrival at Paris is made known to the Minister here, Lord Walsingham, our Ambassador to the Court of Spain, will immediately repair to Paris, where, according to the etiquette which is agreed on to be observed, they are to meet; both intend to remain there about a month. Whenever the Spanish Ambassador quits Paris for England, Lord Walsingham will instantly set off for Madrid. The Comte is spoken of as a man of great abilities, and has been for a long time at the Court of Lisbon.

Dec. 25. We learn from Constantinople, that the Divan offers to join Russia, England, and France, against all the Barbary States, in order to prevent the further robberies of these pirates: And as the Porte does not expect any thing but peace with the Russians, they are, therefore, more anxious to devise some plan to protect commerce from the depredations of those freebooters.

Extract of a letter from Gibraltar, via Spain, Dec. 7.

"The Algerines are about to break with all Europeans; the Spaniards, with whom they have lately concluded a truce, not excepted. The Racehorse sloop is lately returned from that port, where they were fitting eleven ships, from 42 to 18 guns, which, with what vessels they have at sea, make their navy very formidable. The French are fitting at Toulon, a ship of 50 guns, and five very stout frigates, to protect their trade. The Dutch have only two men of war in the Mediterranean. All is well here at this present writing."

Dec. 27. In addition to the deficiencies in the revenue for the current year, which, as we have stated, will amount to 1,200,000l. a further necessity for a loan will arise from the reduction of the duties on rum, which is found to be absolutely necessary to shield the West India planter from absolute ruin. We doubt not but the Minister will open his budget of new taxes with sufficient confidence; but after having so repeatedly pledged himself that there would be no necessity for new burdens on the people, we cannot but think it one of the hardest tasks which the experience of our Minister was ever called on to encounter.

BOSTON, February 17.

Since our last, his Excellency the Governor received the following spirited and patriotic letter from his Excellency the President of the State of New-Hampshire, dated

Portsmouth, Feb. 9, 1787.

SIR,

I AM this moment honored with your Excellency's favors of the 2d and 7th instant, with the inclosure, and sincerely congratulate your Excellency and the government on the happy success of your efforts to quell the daring insurrection in your State. You may rest assured, Sir, that no measures shall be wanting, in this State, to prevent the rebels from receiving countenance, aid or protection in this State—and every effort will be tried to apprehend such offenders as you shall, from time to time, name to us, if residing in New-Hampshire—that they may be sent to receive the punishment due to their offence from the Commonwealth they have so greatly injured. I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Excellency's most obedient servant,

JOHN SULLIVAN.

His Excellency Governor BOWDOIN.

A person who came to town yesterday from the State of Vermont, informs, that Shays, with a number of other rebel officers, left Guildford, in that State, on Friday last week, on their way to Berkshire, in this Commonwealth.

ALEXANDRIA, March 15.

His Excellency George Clinton, Governor of New-York, after reciting the Proclamation of the Governor of Massachusetts, for apprehending Shays, &c. offers by public Proclamation, also a Reward for securing in any Goal, within the State of New-York, these deluded and infatuated Persons, who had the effrontery to disturb or subvert all Law and Government in that Part of New-England; and it is very probable, his Example will be followed through the United States.

Last Saturday the Body of another of those unfortunate Men, that was drowned with Captain Moone, was found near this Town.

☞ Lent to some Person, to whom forgot, a Volume containing three Novels, one of which is called Count Fathom.—Whoever has it in Possession is requested to leave it at the Printing-Office.

last.

TAKE a six quart jug of old hard cyder, put therein a pint of mustard seed, one double handful of parsley roots, one double handful of lignum vitæ shavings, and one double handful of horse radish roots: Let them simper together over a slow fire forty-eight hours, when it will be fit for use.—Take a tea cup full of this liquor three times a-day, and it will work off the disorder by urine, without any trouble to the patient. A most surprizing instance of the efficacy of this simple medicine has lately taken place in the case of Mr. William Wray of Lunenburgh, who from the worst state of the dropsy, was by it restored to perfect health."

An Act for apprehending and securing RUNAWAYS.

BE *it enacted by the General Assembly*, That any person may apprehend a servant or slave, suspected to be a runaway, and carry him before a Justice of the peace, who, if to him the servant or slave, appears by the oath of the apprehender to be a runaway, shall give a certificate of such oath, and the distance, in his opinion between the place where the runaway was apprehended and that from whence he fled; and the apprehender thereupon carry the runaway to the last mentioned place, or deliver him to the owner, or some other authorised to receive him, and shall be entitled to ten shillings, and one shilling for every mile, of such distance as he shall necessarily carry him, to be paid by the owner. The runaway, if the owner be not known, or reside not in the Commonwealth, shall be, by warrant of the Justice, committed to the gaol of his county, the keeper whereof shall forthwith cause an advertisement, with a description of the runaway's person and wearing apparel, to be set up at the door of the court-house, and of every church within his county within ten miles. If the owner claim not within two months thereafter, the sheriff shall publish a like advertisement in the Virginia Gazette for three months and shall hire the runaway out during such time, and for such wages as his county court shall approve, having put an iron collar, stamped with the letter F, round his neck, and out of the wages pay the reward for apprehending, and the expences incurred on his account; but he shall deliver the runaway, even before the time expire, and pay the balance of the wages received, if any, to him who shall claim, and who having proved before the court of some county, or a Justice of the peace of the county in which such runaway is confined, that he had lost such an one as was described in the advertisement, and having there given security to indemnify the sheriff, shall produce the Clerk's or the Justice's certificate of such proof made and security given, prove by his own or another's oath, the runaway when shewn to him, to be the same that was so lost, and pay so much as the expences aforesaid shall exceed the wages. The runaway being a slave, after the end of one year from the last advertisement, shall be sold, and the proceeds of the sale with the balance of the wages, paid to the public Treasurer, for the use of the owner, proving his property at any future time, or otherwise for the use of the Commonwealth. If the runaway die in gaol, the expences shall be defrayed by the public. The runaway, if he shall have crossed the Bay of Chesapeake, shall be delivered to the Sheriff of some county bounded thereby, who shall transport him to the other side, and cause him to be put into the hands of a constable, to be by constable to constable conveyed to the owner, who shall pay to the Sheriff five pounds, and to the Constable one shilling for every mile he shall necessarily travel in performing this duty.

This act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

An Act to amend the act entitled an act for ascertaining certain Taxes and Duties, and for establishing a permanent Revenue.

BE *it enacted by the General Assembly*, that the Clerk of every County Court within this Commonwealth shall, on receipt of this act (which the Executive is hereby required to send immediately by express, or other safe and certain conveyance) lay the same before the next Court to be held for his county, and the Court shall immediately proceed to appoint discreet and reputable persons to be Commissioners for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; and in those counties, where more than one Commissioner is directed to be appointed, the said Courts shall also distinctly lay off and ascertain the bounds of the district allotted to each Commissioner: In each of the counties of Augusta, Botetourt, Culpepper, Fauquier, Greenbrier, Loudon, Harrison, Jefferson, Lincoln, Monongalia, Montgomery, Nelson, Ohio, Fayette, Mercer, Madison, and Bourbon, there shall be appointed three Commissioners; in each of the counties of Accomack, Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Berkeley, Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fairfax, Franklin, Frederick, Fluvannah, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, Isle of Wight, King and Queen, King George, Essex, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nansemond, Norfolk, Northampton, Orange, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Prince William, Princess Anne, Richmond, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Southampton, Spottsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Hardy, Hampshire, Washington, and Russel, there shall be appointed two Commissioners; and in each of the Counties of Powhatan, Charles City, Elizabeth City, Richmond, and the towns of Petersburg, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, and Winchester, and borough of Norfolk there shall be appointed one Commissioner. *Provided*, that no member of either House of Assembly, persons holding any office in civil government, receiving stated salaries, Naval-Officers, practising Attornies, or Physicians, Clerks of Courts, Inspectors, Ordinary-keepers, Sheriffs or their Deputies, or persons that have been in the office of Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Collector of public taxes in their county, shall not be capable of acting or serving as Commissioner, unless it shall appear by sufficient testimony, other than the parties own oath, that such Sheriff or Collector hath completed his collection, fully paid the amount thereof into the treasury, and finally closed every account relative thereto. *And be it enacted*, that the Clerk of the Court shall certify to every Commissioner his appointment without delay, and at the same time furnish him with a copy of this act; the proof whereof shall rest upon the Clerk, and thereupon each Commissioner shall repair to some acting Magistrate of the county, and take the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I A. B. do swear (or solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm) that as Commissioner for county, city, town, and borough of , I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully execute the duties of the said office, according to the directions of the act, entitled, *An act to amend the act entitled an act for ascertaining certain Taxes and Duties, and for establishing a permanent Revenue*, without favor, affection, or partiality, and that I will do equal right and justice, according to the best of my knowledge in every case in which I shall act as Commissioner: So help me GOD." A certificate of which oath or affirmation shall be given the Commissioner by the Magistrate administering it, and the Magistrate shall also certify the same to the next Court held for his county, to be recorded. *And be it enacted*, that every Commissioner thus qualified, shall perform the following duties within his district: He shall in the first place, apply to the Clerk of the Court for the books of the Commissioners, appointed under the act for equalizing the land tax, which book or books, the Commissioners of the land tax are hereby directed to deliver to the said Clerk on application: and in case of refusal or neglect, or loss of such book or books, the Clerk shall certify the same to the Executive, who, for such refusal or neglect, shall direct the Solicitor to proceed to recover the fine hereby imposed, and moreover to furnish such Clerk with an attested copy of the land tax from the last statement on the equalizer's books, and the Clerk, upon being furnished with such book or books, either by the Commissioners of the land tax, or from the Solicitor's office, shall aid and assist the Commissioners appointed by this act, in selecting therefrom the owners name, and the tax on every tract of land or lot within each district, in the following manner, and in the form hereto subjoined. There shall be entered in one column the owners names in alphabetical order; the number of acres or lots, the rate at which such land is valued by the acre, the amount or total value of each tract or lot of land, and the tax payable thereon; which book the said Commissioner shall keep (leaving a fair copy in the Clerk's office, which copy the Clerk shall make) so long as he shall continue in office, and on his death, resignation, or inability to act, shall be delivered to the succeeding Commissioners for the district. And every Commissioner shall in the said book, note from time to time all such alterations, alienations, divisions and additions as may happen within his district, and shall also perform all the duties of the Commissioners of the land tax, and be entitled to the same fee for making entry of alteration or alienation as set forth by an act of Assembly passed at the October session in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, entitled, *An act for equalizing the land tax.* And the Clerks of the county, and of the General Court, are hereby directed to make return to the said Commissioners instead of the former Commissioners, of all deeds recorded in their respective Courts, and the Register of the land office of all patents, as they are directed by the said last recited act.

And be it further enacted, that the said Commissioners shall severally on the 10th day of March annually, begin and continue proceeding without delay through their respective districts, and call on every person subject to taxation, or having property in his or her possession or care, on which any tax is imposed, for a written list thereof, which list being corrected, if necessary, and distinctly read over by the Commissioner to the person delivering the same, he or she shall then make oath or affirmation, that such list contains a just and true account of all persons, and of every species of property in his or her possession or care, within that district (land only excepted) subject to taxation, on the 9th day of March then next preceding, and that no contract, change, or removal whatever, of property had been made or entered into, or any other method devised, practised or used, in order to evade the payment of taxes; which oath or affirmation the Commissioner is hereby empowered and directed to administer.

And be it further enacted, that each of the said Commissioners shall, after collecting the lists of property from the inhabitants of his district in manner before directed, make four alphabetical general lists therefrom, shewing in columns according to the form hereto also annexed, the date when each list was received, the persons chargeable with the tax or taxes, and the number or quantity of every species of property, inserting particularly the names of all free males subject to tax, distinguishing those also sub-

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his own poſſeſſion, ſo long as he continues in office, and afterwards to be delivered to his ſucceſſor as in the caſe of the land tax books; one other of the liſts, together with the liſts taken from the individuals in his diſtrict ſhall be returned to the Clerk, who ſhall examine the ſame, and if found to be erroneous, either in addition or otherwiſe, to correct the others, and then certify them to be true copies: The liſt in the Clerk's office ſhall ſerve for laying the county levy, and fixing the poor rates, and be ſubject to the inſpection or examination of every perſon who may chooſe to examine the ſame. *Provided*, they be not taken out of the ſaid Clerk's poſſeſſion, and copies may be had at the charge of the perſon or perſons deſiring the ſame. One other of the ſaid liſts, after being certified by the Clerk, ſhall be delivered by the Commiſſioner to the High Sheriff of the county, as his guide to collect the taxes, and the remaining fourth liſt, being alſo certified by the Clerk, ſhall be tranſmitted by the Commiſſioner to the Solicitor's office, there to be minutely examined, and to be produced by the Solicitor and admitted as evidence by the General Court, for the amount of taxes charged the Sheriff: All which liſts, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the ſeveral Commiſſioners to have delivered to the ſeveral perſons or officers on or before the laſt day of May annually, and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall take a receipt or acknowledgment in writing of the delivery of ſuch liſts. *And be it further enacted*, that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall alſo at the time of delivering the liſts of taxable property herein before directed, deliver to the Clerk of his county, and at the Solicitor's office, a fair and correct copy of the ſtate of the land tax, noting the alterations, alienations, diviſions, and additions that may have taken place in the preceding year, within his diſtrict, to enable the Clerk to adjuſt his book of the land tax, and the Solicitor to adjuſt the equalizer's books, and the book containing the land tax, together with the annual returns of the ſeveral Commiſſioners lodged in the Clerk's office, ſhall be ſubject at all times to the inſpection of every perſon, in like manner as the liſts of taxable property; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall alſo deliver to the Sheriff an exact liſt of taxes, due from all and every perſon or perſons for land within his diſtrict, to enable the Sheriff to proceed in his collection.

And be it further enacted, that in caſe any perſon appointed to the office of Commiſſioner under this act, ſhall refuſe to ſerve, not having a reaſonable excuſe in the opinion of the Court of the county, he ſhall, for ſuch refuſal, forfeit and pay the ſum of thirty pounds: Any Commiſſioner, after having ſerved one year, may reſign his office; provided that he gives notice to the Court of his county, at ſome Court after completing the liſts of taxable property, and previous to the month of January, to enable them to appoint a ſucceſſor, without delaying the public buſineſs, and upon the refuſal to act, notice of reſignation, death, or inability of any Commiſſioner, it ſhall be the duty of the Court of ſuch county, immediately to appoint a ſucceſſor, and the Clerk is directed to call for all papers in the preceding Commiſſioners hands, or his legal repreſentatives, who, on refuſal or neglect of delivering them, ſhall be liable to the ſame penalty as the Commiſſioners of the land tax, and in caſe they be loſt, ſhall be furniſhed on application as herein before directed.

And be it further enacted, that the Court of each county ſhall make ſuch allowances to the Clerk for his ſervices under this act, as they ſhall think reaſonable, to be included in the county levy; and to allow to each of the Commiſſioners for their ſervices the ſum of ſix ſhillings for every day they ſhall ſeverally make ſatisfactory proof to the Court, to have been *bona fide* engaged in the execution of this act, and, ſhall moreover be exempted from military duty during their continuance in office. The Sheriff of each county is hereby directed and empowered to pay to the Commiſſioners reſpectively, the amount of their ſeveral allowances on receiving the Clerk's certificate therefore, and the amount of ſuch certificates with the parties receipts ſhall be credited the Sheriff by the Auditor of Public Accounts, in the ſettlement of his account of taxes, and ſhall be made good out of the taxes appropriated to the payment of the ſalaries due the officers of civil government.

[*The remainder in our next.*]

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away laſt night from the Subſcriber, living near Montgomery Court-Houſe, an indented Iriſh ſervant, named THOMAS USTUS, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, ſhort dark hair, fair complexion, pock marked and has a caſt in one eye: He had on when he went away, a light coloured great coat, Welſh cotton waiſtcoat and breeches, felt hat and yarn ſtockings.—As one Cornelius Rogers and his wife, natives of Ireland, who paſs for free people, quitted that neighbourhood the ſame night, and two horſes were miſſing which were found in George-Town the next day, and a boat taken from the wharf, it is imagined they are all together, and that Uſtus may paſs for Rogers's ſervant.—— Whoever will give information ſo that he may be convicted, ſhall receive the above reward, or THREE POUNDS for the ſervant only.—Said Rogers is about 5 feet 10 inches high, ſhort dark hair, thin red faced and very hollow eyed: He had on a blue cloth coat, white jacket and breeches, felt hat and yarn ſtockings; his wife Elizabeth is very luſty and meanly dreſſed.

GREENBERRY GAITHER.

Montgomery County, Maryland, Feb. 27, 1787.

Have juſt received, and now ready for ſale, at their ſtore on Fairfax-ſtreet, between King and Prince ſtreet, a general aſſortment of MERCHANDISE, which they will diſpoſe of on very reaſonable terms, by wholeſale and retail, for Caſh, Tobacco Flour or Ginſeng;

Amongſt which are,

BROADCLOTHS, ſhalloons, calamancoes, tammies and durants,
Cardinals trimmed with ſmail and ermine,
Ruſſel and Calamanco petticoats,
Moreens, ſuſtians and bed-ticks,
Nankeens, a beautiful aſſortment of calicoes,
Iriſh linens, brown ſheetings,
Mens' and womens' ſtrong and fine leather ſhoes,
Womens' coloured and laſting ditto,
A variety of check handkerchiefs,
Silk ditto,
Muſlin ditto,
Plain and figured lawns,
Kenting aprons and handkerchiefs,
Needle worked aprons,
Gauze aprons and handkerchiefs,
Fans,
Italian flowers and feathers,
Ribbons and Umbrellas,
Mens' and womens' cotton and thread hoſe,
Mens' black and white ſilk ditto,
Mens' and womens' beaver and kid gloves,
Black ſilk mitts,
Thread and ſewing ſilk,
Writing-paper, quills and wafers,
Playing Cards, &c.

A large ASSORTMENT of

HARDWARE,

HL from 6 to 12 inch hinges,
H from 3 to 10 inch ditto,
Butt, table, deſk and cheſt locks,
Cheſt double and ſingle ditto,
Deſk, till and cupboard ditto,
Wood ſcrews, gimlets and cloak-pins,
Screw rings and knobs,
Steel and iron plate handſaws,
Saſh and Dovetail ditto,
Raſps and files,
Chiſels, gouges and plain irons,
Knives and forks,
Cutteau and penknives,
Sciſſors,
Drawing knives,
Pump and other hammers,
Calking irons,
Marking irons,
Braſs cocks,
Pins and needles,
Braſs, iron and jappanned candleſticks,
Cork ſcrews,
Buckles,
Money ſcales,
Bridle bitts and ſtirrup irons,
4d. 6d. 8d. and 20d. nails.

A few quarter caſks Madera and Sherry Wines, Liverpool Salt, beſt Swediſh Iron in bars, German Steel, Plough Shears, Roll Brimſtone, White Lead in kegs, Chocolate, Spermaceti Candles, Sewing Twine, Gunpowder, Hyſon, Souchong and Bohea Teas, &c. &c.

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THE Subſcriber takes this method to inform the public that he has removed his Hatter's ſhop, from King-ſteet to the corner of Fairfax and Prince ſtreets, where he carries on the hatter's buſineſs in all its various branches, and is determined to pay the ſtricteſt attention to pleaſe thoſe that will favor him with their cuſtom. He will exchange hats for fur on very reaſonable terms.

MICHAEL REYNOLDS.

Alexandria, March 15, 1787.

N. B. I will take two apprentices immediately, if they come well recommended; boys of fourteen or fifteen years of age will anſwer beſt.

YOUNG SPOT,

WILL cover this ſeaſon at the Rocks, Berkeley County, four miles below Snickers's Gap; he is a thorough bred horſe, fifteen hands and one inch high, and complete in every reſpect, imported by Mr. Hyde of Frederickſburg.——The following pedigree will prove him to be as high bred as any horſe in England.—The original may be ſeen here, and runs in the following words—" The cheſnut horſe I ſold Mr. Hyde was bred as follows: He was got by Edmund Turner, Eſquire's, horſe Spot; Spot was got by the Duke of Ancaſter's horſe Blank, which covered at ten guineas a mare; Spot's dam was got by Mr. Martindale's old horſe Regulus, which won nine King's plates; the cheſnut horſe's dam was got by Jig, and Jig by the Duke of Bolton's Goliah, which here won nine King's plates; his grand-dam by Tom Jones, his great grand-dam by Young Grey Hound: Tom Jones was got by Old Partner, which horſe covered at ten guineas a mare; Tom Jones's dam was got by True Blue, his grand-dam by Cyprus, out of the Duke of Rutland's Bonny Black mare, which won Hambleton's guineas when thirty-ſix ſtarted.—This is a true pedigree. Witneſs my hand,

SAMUEL TROUT.

Elkington, Lincolnſhire, July 9, 1785."

Young Spot will cover at One Guinea the ſingle leap, or Two Guineas the ſeaſon, the money or produce to be paid before the mares are taken away.—Good paſturage ſhall be provided and all poſſible care taken of the mares, but I will not be anſwerable for any that may be ſtolen or go away.

JAMES WORMELEY.

March 12, 1787.

And the

Knight of Malta,

Two valuable JACK ASSES,

WILL cover Mares and Jennies, at Mount Vernon, this ſpring, for Five Guineas the ſeaſon.——The firſt is of the moſt valuable race in the Kingdom of Spain; the other, lately imported from Malta by way of Paris, is not inferior.——The ROYAL GIFT (now five years old) has increaſed remarkably in ſize, ſince he covered laſt year; and not a Jenny, and ſcarcely a Mare to which he went, miſſed.——The KNIGHT of MALTA will be three years old this ſpring, is near 14 hands high, moſt beautifully formed for an aſs, and extremely light, active and ſprightly:—Comparatively ſpeaking he reſembles a fine courſer.

Theſe two JACKS ſeem as if deſigned for different purpoſes, equally valuable.—The firſt, by his weight and great ſtrength, to get mules for the ſlow and heavy draught. The other, by his activity and ſprightlineſs, for quicker movements on the road. The value of mules, on account of their longevity, ſtrength, hardineſs and cheap keeping, is too well known to need deſcription.

MAGNOLIA,

STANDS at the ſame place, for Four Pounds the ſeaſon: The money in every caſe, to be paid at the ſtable, before the Mares or Jennies are taken away; no account will be kept. Good paſturage, well encloſed, will be provided at half a dollar per week, for the convenience of thoſe who incline to leave their mares, and every reaſonable care will be taken of them, but they will not be enſured againſt theft or accidents.

JOHN FAIRFAX, Overſeer.

Mount-Vernon, March 12, 1787.

William Ward,

BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has removed from the houſe on the hill to his new houſe on the wharf, every way accommodated for the entertainment of gentlemen and travellers. From his diſpoſition to pleaſe, he hopes for encouragement.

Alexandria, March 15, 1787.

To the *PUBLIC.*

THE Subſcriber begs leave to inform the public, that he has been bred to the Conveyancing and Scrivening buſineſs, and will draw at the ſhorteſt notice, with accuracy, ſecrecy and deſpatch, *Deeds*, *Mortgages* and *Bonds* of arbitration, indemnity and covenantal, *Wills*, *Codicils* and *Letters* of attorney, *Charter parties*, and *Bills* of bottomry and of ſale, *Agreements* of all kinds, *Bills* and *Anſwers* in *Chancery*, and makes out copies of all papers delivered into his hands for that purpoſe.

Thoſe gentlemen who are pleaſed to favor him with their countenance, he aſſures ſhall never have reaſon to complain, as he is determined to pay the ſtricteſt attention to ſuch buſineſs as may be entruſted to his care. Any application at Mr. Alexander Smith's, ſign of Gen. Waſhington, will be immediate attended to.

WILLIAM J. VEREKER.

Alexandria, March 15, 1787.

Ten Dollars Reward,

STOLEN from the Subſcriber, living in Maryland, Prince George's County, near the Woodyard, a light bay MARE, ſeven years old this ſpring, branded on the near ſhoulder and thigh, thus S, and has a remarkable black ſpot on the near ſide of her neck; ſhe is a breeding mare and I expect with foal; ſhe never was docked and is about thirteen hands and an inch high, and was ſtolen on the 18th of Auguſt, 1786. Whoever delivers me the ſaid mare, or gives information ſo that I may get her again, ſhall receive the above reward, and reaſonable charges if brought home, paid by me

BAPTIST HARDEY.

March 8, 1787.

THE Subſcriber takes this method of informing his creditors, that he is now at Alexandria; and to requeſt of all thoſe to whom he ſtands indebted, that they will immediately furniſh their juſt claims againſt him to Meſſrs. WILLIAMS, CAREY and CO. for the purpoſe of taking the neceſſary meaſures to have his affairs arranged, ſo that he may be enabled to make proviſion for the due diſcharge of his debts.——And whereas ſeveral malicious ſtories are circulated, which in the unfortunate circumſtances he is in, he has reaſon to fear are too generally credited, he takes this public method of calling upon thoſe who know any thing to the prejudice of his character as a man of honor, that they will ſtand forward and in the face of the world publicly declare it.

DE LA MARCK and STEIN.

Alexandria, March 15, 1787.

The NEWSMONGER.

" *Nimiam notus omnibus,*
" *Moritur ignotus sibi.*" Seneca.

" AN insect lives among mankind
For what wise ends by fate design'd,
I never yet could clearly find:

In pain for all, and thank'd by none,
And most perplext when most alone,
No *State* regards him, or the *throne*.

The flowers that deck the summer field,
The vernal bloom that frost conceal'd,
To him no spark of pleasure yield.

He life supports on self-esteem;
He plans, contrives, and lives by scheme,
And spoils good paper—many a ream.

Distrest for those he never saw—
Of kings and princes not in awe
He scorns their mandates, and their law.

Relief he finds for other's woes,
The wants of all the world he knows—
His boots are only out at toes.

Now Europe's feuds employ his brains,
Now Asia's news his head contains—
But still his labor for his pains.

The river *Scheldt* he opens wide,
And *Joseph's* ships in triumph ride;—
The Dutchmen are not on his side.

On great affairs condemn'd to fret,
The interest of our foreign debt
He hopes good *Louis* may forget.

He fears the Bank will hurt our trade,
And fall it must without his aid—
And yet his barber goes unpaid.

Our Western Posts (that Britons keep
In spite of treaties) break his sleep;
He plans their conquest at one sweep.

He grumbles at the price of flour;
Then mourns and mutters many an hour
That Congress have so little power.

Although he has no ships to lose,
The *Algerines* he *dares* abuse,
And longs to hear some better news.

The French, he thinks will soon prepare
To undertake some grand affair—
" So 'tis but war, we need not care."

Where *Mississippi* laves the plain,
He hopes the bold *Kentuckey* swain
Will seize her forts and plague *Old Spain*.

Such morning thoughts, such evening dreams!
Thro' long dull nights he plans odd schemes
To dispossess her of those streams.

He prophesies the time will come
When few shall drink *West-India* rum,—
Our *spirits* will be *proof* at home.

The tories on *New-Scotland's* coast,
He deems, may all their freedom boast
In half a century, at most.

Then shakes his head, and shifts the scene,
Talks much about the *Empress Queen*,
And wonders what the *Germans* mean.

He doubts, and frets, and seems afraid
The *States* will lose by *China* trade,
Since dollars for their tea are paid;

Then hopes that by the month of June
Lunardi, in his new balloon,
Will make a passage to the moon.

THUS, all the business of mankind,
And all the follies we might find
Are huddled in his crazy mind;

'Till doom'd to think of *new affairs*,
At last with death he walks down stairs,
And leaves—the wide world to his heirs."

FOR SALE,
A quantity of
WOOD,
Viz.

THREE hundred cords at Chickamuxon Creek, for which apply to Captain F. SPEAKE on the premises.—Also FOUR HUNDRED cords on my plantation near this town, for which any person may treat with me at my house.

WALTER BROOKS.

February 19, 1787.

The ship Friendship, Capt. Wilson Nixon, from Whitehaven, with an assortment of EUROPEAN GOODS, &c. which will be disposed of by applying to

Robinson, Sanderson and Rumney,

At their wholesale store, on Fairfax-street, The following are the principal articles.

BEST stoved Liverpool Salt, which will be sold low by the quantity,
Best old proof Jamaica Rum in puncheons,
Stone Ware in crates, consisting of bottles, jugs, pickle-pots, &c.
Wool Cards in boxes,
Best Mould Candles, in boxes,
Copperas,
Bed-Cords and White Cordage,
A few chaldrons of Coal,
Liverpool Beer, London Porter and best Red Port bottled in casks of 3 dozen each,
Falling Axes,
Broad and narrow Hoes,
Spades and Shovels,
Frying-Pans,
Sad-Irons, &c.

Also a variety of HARDWARE and CUTLERY assorted in boxes, with many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

Alexandria, Feb. 15, 1787.

N. B. They beg leave to inform their friends and customers, that by advices received per this vessel from Whitehaven, the Esther, Captain Ledger, was taking on board their SPRING CARGO, and would leave Whitehaven, for this port the last week in December at farthest.—In consequence of which she may be expected in all next month.

THE ship UNION, Capt. GILES SULLIVAN, now lying in this port, will take in TOBACCO for L'ORIENT.—For terms apply to

HOOE and HARRISON.

Alexandria, October 31, 1786. **

FOR SALE,

A NEAT London made double CHAIR with harness complete.—For terms inquire of the Printers. Likewise, a genteel good HORSE.

Alexandria, Feb. 15, 1787.

Will be sold to the highest bidder for ready-money, on the 16th day of March next, at the plantation whereon Thomas Moody now lives, near the old Court-House, Fairfax County, Virginia,

SEVERAL valuable country-born SLAVES, Houshold Furniture, Plantation Utensils, &c. &c. belonging to the estate of Benjamin Moody, deceased.

THOMAS MOODY, Executor.

February 12, 1787.

COFFEE-HOUSE.

NICHOLAS HANNAH informs the gentlemen, merchants and traders, that he has opened a COFFEE-HOUSE in the first three-story house on Fairfax-street, between King and Prince streets, with boxes and apartments; and promises good entertainment, to those who favor him with their custom, and makes no doubt of pleasing those who call on him with every article expected at a Coffee-House, and will also take in private boarders on the most reasonable terms.

Alexandria, Dec. 28, 1786.

SEINES,

OF an excellent quality and various sizes; also small CABLES fit for bay or river craft, to be sold cheap by

D. and I. M'PHERSON.

Alexandria, Feb. 1, 1787.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away last night from the Potomack Company, an Irish servant man, named MICHAEL MACKEY, about 27 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, well made, short black hair, blue-gray eyes, marked with the small-pox, a scar on his forehead and another on the left side of his neck, and a dark sour countenance: He had on when he went away a white fearnaught jacket with one pocket flap on the right side, white kersey overalls, coarse felt hat, country shoes, and osnaburg shirt, but may have stolen other clothes.—It is supposed he went away with PATRICK ROWELEN, a freeman, about 5 feet nine inches high, well made, short sandy hair, smooth faced, and a good countenance: He had on a brown jacket lined with red baize, and gray coating overalls.—He had two passes signed by James Smith, one for himself and the other for James Buyers.—Whoever takes up the said servant and secures him in any gaol, so that he may be got again, shall have if taken 10 miles from home TEN DOLLARS, and if taken at a greater distance, the above reward and reasonable charges if brought home.

RICHARDSON STUART.

Great-Falls of Potomack,
Dec. 26, 1786.

GENEVA

In Cases, to be SOLD cheap for Cash.

JAMES M. M'CREA.

Alexandria, February 19, 1787.

William H. Powell and Company,

Have for sale on the most reasonable terms,

Excellent
London Porter.

Alexandria, Jan. 18, 1787.

I HAVE a considerable quantity of four feet OAK and HICKORY WOOD to dispose of.—It lays about a mile above the mouth of the Eastern-Branch, and will be delivered there, or at Alexandria, as may best suit the purchaser.

GARLAND CALLIS.

Barnaby, Feb. 26, 1787.

To be leased for a term of years or lives, or in fee-simple,

EIGHTEEN LOTS or tenements of LAND, each containing two acres, situate within a mile from the town of Alexandria, and some of them on the main road leading to Richmond and Winchester.—A fine never-failing stream of water runs along several of the lots, and the soil is well adapted to the various productions of a garden.—These lots are also well suited to many kinds of mechanics and tradesmen who cannot bear with the higher rents of town property.—As it is intended to dispose of them upon easy terms, some security will be required for the faithful performance of covenants for the space of the three first years.—Apply to the Subscriber at Alexandria, or to Mr. CHARLES LEE.

PHILIP RICHARD FENDALL.

Alexandria, March 1, 1787.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of Captain BENJAMIN RANKIN, deceased, of Berkeley County, are requested to bring in the same properly attested, in order that measures may be taken to discharge them; and all persons indebted to the said estate, are likewise required to pay off their balances, as the Subscribers wish to settle the affairs of the testator as soon as possible.

JUDITH RANKIN, Executrix.
JAMES CRANE, Executor.

Feb. 24, 1787.

TO BE SOLD,

On board the Sloop LARK, JOSEPH CHASE, Master, lying at Harper's Wharf,

A FEW barrels of OIL, ditto of BEEF, and HAY in bundles.——Likewise, two-thirds, or the whole of the said SLOOP; she is about seventy tons burthen, three years old, with all her apparatus, and being well found may be sent to sea at a small expence.—Inventory to be seen on board, or by applying to said Master.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1787.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, a bright MULATTO fellow, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, the first joint of his fore finger on his left hand is off: He had on blue breeches and old boots, the rest of his clothes are not remembered.—Whoever brings the said fellow home, or secures him in any gaol so that I may get him again, shall receive the above reward.

FIELDING LEWIS.

Frederick County, Feb. 20, 1787.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away the last of December from the Subscriber living in Caroline County, a Mulatto slave, named SHADRACH, a blacksmith by trade, very strait when he walks, except his knees, has a bushy head of hair, was dressed in Virginia clothes, a round felt hat, has a green cadee with yellow binding which he wears as a cloak, his fore teeth are out, and he has a remarkable smile when spoken to.—He is apt to drink, but when drunk or sober brags much of his abilities, either as a smith, weaver, or with a scythe, and is very quarrelsome.—He may attempt to pass as a freeman.—The above reward will be given to secure him in any gaol, so that I get him again.

STEPHEN SUTTON.

Feb. 15, 1787.

N. B. All masters of vessels are forewarned from taking him off, and others from harbouring him, at their peril.

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